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Re: Application of Emmanuel MARILLY, Stephane BETGEBREZETZ,
Olivier MARTINOT, Michel CHEVANNE, Gerard DELEGUE
A LOCAL ASSURANCE MANAGEMENT DEVICE FOR AN EQUIPMENT
ELEMENT IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK
Assignee: ALCATEL
Our Ref. Q80686

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 23 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 1 sheet of drawings, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is Preliminary Amendment.

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE
CALCULATING THE FEE**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>33</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>13</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$234.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=		x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee									\$770.00
TOTAL FILING FEE									\$1004.00
Recordation of Assignment									\$40.00
TOTAL FEE									\$1044.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1004.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
France	0303835	March 28, 2003

The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,
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